(d) Steps being taken to ensure that the targets are achieved:

(1) More systematic maintenance of equipments;

(2) Stricter adherence to technological norms;

(3) Moulding a better work culture which focusses primarily on better team work and higher levels of discipline;

(4) Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government & SAIL and drawing up of Annual Performance Plans with Plants and communicating the spirit and relevance of MOU to a large cross section of executives, thereby committing them to higher levels of productivity;

(5) Ensuring adequate availability of inputs of right quality and in the required quantity including import of low ash coking coal;

(6) Greater R&D efforts for improving productivity and efficiency; and

(7) Modernisation and technological upgradation.

Autonomy to All India Radio and Doordarshan

503. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant autonomy to All India Radio and Doordarshan in view of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission; and

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to grant autonomy not only in view of the recommendations made by Sarkaria Commission but also by Chanda and Joshi committees?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission are under examination. The recommendations made by the Chanda Committee and the Joshi Committee were carefully considered and it was decided not to convert All India Radio and Doordarshan into autonomous Corporations since both the media already enjoy freedom and functional autonomy in all professional aspects.

504. [*Transferred to the 2nd March, 1988.*]

Foodgrains Production Target

505. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of foodgrains production till the end of 1987-88 as per Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the present state of foodgrains production in the country;

(c) what is the short fall, if any, in the attainment of target of foodgrains production; and

(d) what specific steps are proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) Table below indicates the production levels of foodgrains during the

Seventh Five Year Plan so far *vis-a-vis* the envisaged targets:

Production (Million Tonnes)

Year	Target	Achievement	Shortfall from production
1985-86	159·20	150.44	—8·76
1986-87	160·03	144·07	—15·93

During the crop year 1987-88, a production target of 160 to 163 million tonnes has been fixed. The output during the year is likely to show a decline of 7 to 10 per cent as compared to the previous year.

(d) In order to achieve the envisaged target, the following steps are being taken:

(i) Maximisation of productivity in assured areas such as irrigated areas and rainfed areas with high rainfall;

(ii) Timely, easy and adequate supply of agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilisers, implements, plant protection chemicals and credit etc., inclusive of imparting improved technology;

(iii) Increasing the coverage of area under High Yielding Varieties with proper plans for production and distribution of sufficient seeds.

(iv) Implementation of the National Programme on Crops like Special Rice Production Programme in Eastern States, National Pulses Development Programme and other Programmes on resource management through Small and Marginal Farmers Programme and the National Watershed Development Programme.

(v) Adoption of integrated plant protection measures.

(vi) Increasing the intensity of cropping through double, multiple and inter-cropping; and

(vii) Assuring remunerative prices for various food crops to the farmers and organisational support for sale of commodities at these prices.

Amount spent for urban development in States

506. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred by the Central Government on account of urban development, State-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that some States are lagging behind in this regard; and

(c) if so, what factors are responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Central assistance is made available to States/UTs under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of small and Medium Towns. Another Centrally sponsored scheme viz. Urban Basic Services Scheme was started in 1986-87. Two statements indicating the details of releases made under the two schemes are given in attached Statement-I and Statement-II. (*See* below). Funds are also available for urban development in the State Annual Plans and the State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projects out of these funds.

(b) and (c) The progress of implementation is not uniform in all States because of various reasons which *inter alia* include problems of land acquisition, technical inadequacy and week financial position of local bodies, budgetary constraints in States in releasing the matching contributions etc